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1. AGREE WITH REF (1) THAT BULGARIAN AUTHORITIES BE ADVISED ASAP
OF REORGANIZATION OF U.S. DRUG ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS INTO DEA,
WITH PARTICULAR ATTENTION MADE TO FACT THAT FORMER MUNICH SENIOR
CUSTOMS REPRESENTATIVE RAKOWSKY IS NOW WITH DEA AND NOT WITH CUSTOMS.
IMMEDIATE EFFECT WILL PROBABLY BE THAT BULGARIAN CUSTOMS WILL
SEVER ALL CONTACTS WITH RAKOWSKY AND, THEREFORE, WITH U.S.
DRUG ENFORCEMENT EFFORT IN EUROPE SINCE RAKOWSKY IS ONLY U.S.
LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIAL WITH DIRECT CONTACT WITH BULGARIAN
CUSTOMS.

2. FURTHER AGREE WITH REF (3) THAT STATE DEPARTMENT DETERMINE
ASAP IF GOB WILLING TO WORK WITH DEA. IF SO, RAKOWSKY COULD
EASILY CONTINUE CONTACT WITH BULGARIAN CUSTOMS AND POSSIBLY
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ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH OTHER BULGARIAN POLICE OFFICIALS AS

WELL. RAKOWSKY OBVIOUS CHOICE BECAUSE OF HIS BULGARIAN LANGUAGE ABILITY. HOWEVER, IF GOB REFUSES TO DEAL WITH USG ON POLICE-TO-POLICE LEVEL, STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT NO REPEAT NO CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO HAVING RAKOWSKY MASQUERADE AS CUSTOMS OFFICIAL. (REF 3) ANY FUTURE USG-GOB COOPERATIVE EFFORTS IN DRUG ENFORCEMENT AREA COULD BE SEVERELY DAMAGED AFTER BULGARIANS DISCOVERED THAT WE HAD SENT IN A WOLF IN SHEEP'S CLOTHING.

3. WITH RESPECT TO USG ACTING AS "MAILMAN" FOR FRG IN CONTACT WITH BULGARIANS, (REF 2 AND 3), BE ADVISED THAT THIS MAILMAN ROLE WAS PLAYED LOCALLY IN MUNICH BY RAKOWSKY (AS U.S. CUSTOMS REP) BUT THAT SOME INFO PASSED FROM BULGARIANS (THROUGH NCO SOFIA OR DIRECTLY TO RAKOWSKY WHEN POSSIBLE) WAS UNOFFICIAL AND COULD PROBABLY NOT BE VERIFIED OFFICIALLY IF SUCH VERIFICATION BECAME NECESSARY (FOR COURT PURPOSES ETC.) ALTHOUGH DEA MUNICH READY TO ASSIST GERMAN DRUG ENFORCEMENT EFFORT AT ALL LEVELS IN ANY WAY POSSIBLE IN THEIR CONTACTS WITH BULGARIANS, BE ADVISED THAT GERMANS ALREADY HAVE OFFICIAL CONTACTS WITH BULGARIANS THROUGH CUSTOMS COOPERATION COUNCIL (CCC) AND PERHAPS THIS CONDUIT COULD BE IMPROVED TO INCLUDE REQUESTS BY GERMAN POLICE ELEMENTS. IN ADDITION, HIGH RANKING BULGARIAN CUSTOMS OFFICIAL HAS ALSO MADE DIRECT CONTACT WITH MUNICH BRANCH OF GERMAN CUSTOMS DURING RECENT MEETING OF GERMAN/AMERICAN WORK GROUP. DOHERTY

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